



# Great Pumpkin - Fleet Racing

October 28, 2023

## Sailing Instructions



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YACHT CLUB

### 1 SCORING

- 1.1 PHRF time allowances shall be calculated using the Time on Time (TOT) method.
- 1.2 Three races are scheduled. All races will count toward the final score. This changes RRS A2.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27141>
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channels indicated in the Racing Areas section.
- 3.4 Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

### 5 RACE SCHEDULE - SATURDAY

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Saturday's first race will be 1125 hrs on all racing areas including the Deep Water Course, the Olympic Circle Course, and Southampton Course.
- 5.2 After each race a warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, A series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made to alert boats that another race will begin soon.

### 6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 There are three race areas.

<b>Deep Water Course</b>	West of the Berkeley Pier
Start/ Finish Line Boat	RYC Pelican
VHF Channel	69

<b>Olympic Circle Course</b>	Olympic Circle Area
Start/Finish Line Boat	Toro Grande
VHF Channel	79

<b>Southampton Course</b>	East of Southampton
Start/Finish Line Boat	Buoy Toy
VHF Channel	71

### 7 COURSES

- 7.1 **Attachment B shows the courses for the Southampton Course and Olympic Circle Course**, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.  
**Attachment C shows the courses for Deep Water Course**, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set 5-8 boat-lengths from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment B & C.
- 7.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by a flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

### 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflatable cylinders or tetrahedrons.

### 9 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 For safety, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
  - 9.1.1 The Bell Buoy (GR Bell) off the West end of Alcatraz Island and the closest point ashore.
  - 9.1.2 The I beam and Anita Rock buoy near St. Francis YC shall be passed on the bay side.
  - 9.1.3 The buoy (G 3) South of Point Blunt on Angel island and the closest point ashore.
- 9.2 A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.
- 9.3 The Richmond Long Wharf vicinity such that a boat may not go between the Wharf and a line connecting buoy R "2CR" FI R 4s marking Castro Rocks, buoy R "2" Q R (1/2 nm west of the Long Wharf), buoy G "3" FL G 4s (1/3 nm south of the Long Wharf) and the Richmond shore northeast of G "3".

## 10 CHECK-INS

- 10.1 Boats are requested to check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Do not attempt to check in by VHF radio.

## 11 STARTS

- 11.1 Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race of the day expect the classes will be started in the order listed in Attachment A .
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark. There may be a limiting mark near the signal boat.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request.
- 11.5 General Recall: If there is a second general recall, that group will start after the last scheduled group of starters.
- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.7 [NP] The start and finish lines shall not be crossed except as permitted by this SI. Boats may only cross the start line after their warning signal until they have *started*. Boats may only cross the finish line when *finishing*. The penalty for breaking this SI shall be a two-turn penalty.

## 12 FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark. Competitors should adjust their sails so the finish line crew can see sail numbers immediately after finishing. Stick around after your finish and be ready to start the next race, listen to your VHF or watch for your fleet flag on the starting boat.
- 12.2 The finish line is restricted as indicated in section 11.7.

## 13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms will be available near the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to a Race Committee representative in the Race Office within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board inside and to the left of the main entrance to the club and on the website.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Notices will also be posted on the web site. Note that fleets with protests on Saturday will have their trophy presentations on Sunday afternoon during the pursuit race awards.
- 14.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Notices will be posted on the official notice board.

## 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the Race Committee by VHF before leaving the course area. If that is not possible, the competitor shall notify a shoreside member of the Race Committee or a club staff member (Bartender, Harbormaster) immediately after arriving ashore.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (see US Dept. of Commerce chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, other sail boats, or that of a commercial or government vessel will be subject to protest by a Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by government, commercial or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information.

## 16 CONTACT INFO

- 16.1 Please contact Fred Paxton at [f.paxton@comcast.net](mailto:f.paxton@comcast.net) if you have any questions regarding the regatta.